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Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir

The Office Action dated November 1, 2006 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired February 1, 2007.

Since the attached response is being filed within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$1,020.00 (fee code 1253).

> Respectfully submitted for Applicant(s),

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.